Remarks
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Late in 1989, I was invited to Paris to receive an award, the Griffuel Prize from the Association for Research on Cancer. After receiving the prize I made some appropriate remarks, but in the midst of them, laid out my plans for the afternoon. I would tell the audience of the history of our efforts against smoking in the last few years, tell them the present situation, then review what government can do as well as what it does wrong, and finally, closed with some international implications of smoking.

In essence, this is my first smoking address after leaving government. And in a way, I was staking out a claim for what we knew and what the state of the art was at the time for informing the public of the health effects of tobacco, as well as fighting the tobacco industry at the same time.

Nothing I have written near this time is more complete in its coverage of the tobacco problem.